

Docket No.: 214675US-2CONT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
Hiroki FUKUOKA : ATTN: Application Division
SERIAL NO: New Application : GROUP:
FILED: Herewith : EXAMINER:

FOR: A DIGITAL ELECTRONIC STILL CAMERA WHICH RECEIVES AN
INPUT/OUTPUT CONTROL PROGRAM THROUGH A DETACHABLE
COMMUNICATION INTERFACE CARD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2-16 without prejudice.

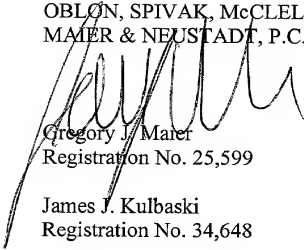
REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the
following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 is pending in the present application with Claims 2-16 having been canceled
by way of the present amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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